

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8 and 9 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 8 and 9 were previously amended in the September 2, 2005 Amendment to replace "transflective layer" with --reflective layer--. However, those amendments were made in error.

The specification discloses that a sloping reflective layer 14 is formed partly within a dot area, and may function as a transflective layer. See paragraphs [0029], [0053] and [0098] of the specification. The transflective layer may be disposed on the inner side of a lower substrate to reflect and transmit a portion of light incident upon a liquid crystal panel. See paragraphs [0013], [0018] and [0030] of the specification. Therefore, the transflective layer may be a layer that partly reflects and transmits a particular polarized component of incident light or a component of the incident light having a wavelength that lies in a particular wavelength region.

Because "transflective" better defines the features of the layer, claims 1, 8 and 9 are amended to replace "reflective layer" with --transflective layer-- to better clarify the claims so that they are consistent with the language of the specification. Claim 1 is also amended to better clarify the positional relationship of the claimed features.


The June 7, 2005 Notice of Allowance indicates that claims 1-10 are allowable. Specifically, the Reasons for Allowance indicates that none of the references disclose or suggest "a transflective layer, which is disposed on an inner side of the lower substrate, that reflects and transmits a portion of light incident upon the liquid crystal panel." Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 are allowable.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Request for Continued Examination

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